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**National News at a glance**

By Robert N. Taylor

**ANTI-FARRAKHAN CAMPAIGN APPEARS TO FAIL** Efforts by various Jewish groups to break an "alliance" between traditional black leaders and Nation of Islam leader Louis Farrakhan appear to have failed. The controversy began this month when Jewish groups and some media organizations pressured black leaders to denounce anti-Jewish remarks made last November by top Farrakhan aide Khalid Abdul Muhammad. Muhammad blasted Jews as "thieves" and "bloodsuckers" of the black community. Even Farrakhan denounced some of the remarks as "vile and mean-spirited." That denunciation and demon of Muhammad was apparently enough to satisfy most black groups. By week's end the NAACP said it would continue to work with Farrakhan; Congressional Black Caucus head Kwesi Murre said he was "satisfied" and national black political leader Jesse Jackson also expressed approval. But Jewish groups continued to denounce Farrakhan and expressed dismay at the willingness of traditional black leaders to continue relations with the Nation of Islam. Particularly unhappy was the Anti-Defamation League (ADL), which first launched the anti-Farrakhan campaign with a full page ad in the New York Times. Meanwhile, during a press conference, Farrakhan accused the ADL of being "anti-black" and added, "If we can repudiate Khalid for his words, who will repudiate America—far—far—deeds (against blacks)."—Washington, DC

**DE LA BECKWITH GETS LIFE SENTENCE IN EMBROIDERING** A white supremacist Byron de la Beckwith was found guilty recently in the 1963 slaying of civil rights leader Medgar Evers. Two previous trials in 1964 and which involved all white juries ended in hung juries. But this jury included several blacks who heard testimony that the now 73-year-old de la Beckwith once bragged about killing Evers, calling him "a damn chicken-stealing dog." Evers' widow, Myrlie Evers, said of the verdict, "I am almost speechless with emotion." De la Beckwith received a sentence of life in prison.—Jackson, MS

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**AFT president responds to Governor on teacher recertification**

Responding to Governor Christie Whitman's call for teacher recertification, NJSET President Vincent K. Altieri called for a "dialogue between the Governor and all elements of the educational community on assisting in every possible way the continuing improvement of standards for the teaching profession."

Altieri praised Whitman "for avoiding the temptation to simply get rid of burned out or under-performing teachers, and for taking a positive, constructive approach to the topic. We also welcome her candid admission that retaining teachers will cost money, although we must not allow this to be done at the expense of other needs. Nor will we ever agree to give up our members' basic due process rights."

"We have fought, too many battles over the years over the tenure issue. It's time to get out of that rut and get onto the road to higher standards and performance for both students and teachers."

"It's time to abandon the double standard that says to students that it doesn't matter what they do because they'll graduate anyway, but says to teachers that they will be fired if they don't perform up to par."

"It is for this reason that our Union has fully supported the work of the National Board for Professional Teaching Standards, which evolved from a proposal first put forward by Albert Shanker, our national President. It is for this reason that our largest state affiliate, the Newark Teachers Union, in part-

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**Mayors give black history message****African American Heritage Month**

"I invite you to join me in the annual celebration of African Americans Heritage Month in East Orange. During the month of February we will host a series of programs and activities that pay tribute to the influence of the African Americans in American society. It is vital that we carry the celebration of our heritage and ancestry throughout each and everyday of our lives and share in the celebration with our children who must be instilled with a sense of pride for their birthright, culture and heritage."

Mayor Cardell Cooper  
Mayor of the City of East Orange

**Inner Strength**

"Although we all come together in February to celebrate the many contributions that African Americans have made in America and the World, I am convinced that we need to be constantly aware of the inner strengths and pride that the African American has exhibited even in the midst of the struggle for life. The slave ships did not break our will to live; the slave masters and shackles did not break our strides; the attempt to keep us illiterate made us more determined to seek the truth, and to thirst for greater knowledge."

Here, in 1994, we have withstood the social and political battles to keep us second class citizens. And through it all, we have risen to positions of leadership. We are mayors in cities and towns that were said to be dying, and yet it is the African American Mayors who are breathing new life in our urban centers. I am proud to be an African American. Let us remain ever so close to our heritage, so that we, too, can exhibit the inner strength and pride that our forefathers bore in times of struggle."

Michael G. Steele  
Mayor of the Township of Irvington, NJ

**Celebrate Black History Month**

"As we celebrate BLACK HISTORY MONTH, we must remember those great individuals who have contributed to our rich heritage bringing us such inventions as the stop light and the steam engine and discovering great cities like Chicago. We also must remember that although we have come a long way from the civil rights struggles with Malcolm X, Martin Luther King, Jr., we still have a long road to travel to reach the Promised Land."

We salute BLACK HISTORY MONTH because Black History is American History. The two are inextricably entwined, according to the late Rev. Dr. Martin L. King, Jr. "Our cultural patterns are an amalgam of black and white. Our destinies are tied together. There is no separate black path to power and fulfillment that does not have to intersect with white roots. Somewhere along the way the two must join together, black and white together, we shall overcome, and I still believe it."

May God bless and keep each and every one of us."

Mayor Sharpe James  
Mayor of the City of Newark

**Congratulations**

"Congratulations African Americans on the Celebration of Black American Heritage Month. You are to be commended for the great contributions you have made to civilization."

William J. Pascarelli, Jr.,  
Mayor of the City of Paterson

**Clinton's first budget**

*The U.S. will spend more to defend S. Korea than to rebuild our cities or educate our people*

Commentary from the Rainbow Coalition

The administration's new budget abandons the President's campaign covenant to put people first. If adopted, it would leave little children in the cold next winter, as home heating aid is cut by 50 percent. Subway and bus fares will rise as mass transit subsidies are slashed 25 percent. Public libraries will close, public housing for the poor and elderly is cut by \$3 billion, while Pentagon's budget is raised about the same point.

The promise to invest in people is mocked. The \$50 billion new investment promised by the President is not in the budget. The cities are abandoned. Badly funded training programs for disadvantaged youngsters are shut down, replaced by a badly funded program for displaced workers. The savage inequality of public school funding is not redressed. The entire amount of new money offered for education and training for everything from Head Start to National Service to apprenticeship programs totals \$3.2 billion. That sounds like a lot, but Pentagon will get more for an aircraft carrier it admits it does not need.

Last year the President agreed to a ceiling on discretionary spending—a hard freeze for five years. This year, he drew the line against further defense cuts. This surrender forces harsh cuts at home. The administration plans

to spend \$271 billion on the military this year. The next biggest budget—that of the Russians—is less than \$30 billion. Not including our allies, the U.S. alone is spending almost twice as much as the remainder of the world Combined, and many of those countries want to be our allies. We will spend more defending South Korea from the North, than in educating our children or providing security for our streets. It is time for new priorities.

Last year, the Rainbow pledged support for the President as long as he fulfilled the covenant he promised to working people. Now the President has abandoned his own pledge. We will act independently, supporting the President when he makes sense and opposing him when he does not. We must act now, to stop the budget cuts. On March 2, the Rainbow asks everyone to join with "common agenda" groups across the country in a "wake up call" to Congress. Enlist others on that day to call their congressperson at 202-224-3121 and Representative Martin Sabo, Chair of the House Budget Committee at 202-225-4755. Let them know it is time to rebuild America. That we should stop spending money on weapons we don't need, and start investing in needs we can no longer ignore. For further information call 202-544-8222.

**Oprah donates \$10,000 to 'No Nonsense' school**

**NEW YORK**—What Do A Popular Talk Show Host And A School For underprivileged children have in common? According to the just-released results of the No nonsense American Woman of the Year Poll, it's a no nonsense approach to life.

Winfrey was voted the No nonsense American Woman of the Year by the Council on Women's Issues. She will donate her \$10,000 award to Providence St. Mel, a self-described "no nonsense school, with a mandate to break the generational cycle of poverty and welfare through education." The Chicago-based, 100 percent African-American institution also recently received a \$10,000 donation from Ms. Winfrey.

Oprah Winfrey is one of seven nominees for the No nonsense American Woman of the Year Award announced in People Magazine. Readers were asked to call in and vote for their favorite nominee. Other nominees were Jane Alexander, Jeanne Moutoussamy-Ashie, Elizabeth Dole, Ruth

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**Reform group empowers parents to secure quality**

**WASHINGTON, DC**—A New social action group that will organize parents on a grassroots level to demand better education of their children from public schools throughout the country was announced recently by the Church of Scientology.

The social reform group, Citizens United to Reform the Educational System (CURES), is headquartered in Washington, D.C. and already has chapters in New York City and Birmingham, Alabama, with more being planned.

"We are at a juncture now in our history where the inability of our schools to properly educate our youth threatens our very existence as a society," commented Alex Jones, executive director for CURES. "People need to know the truth about this failure and CURES is going to bring them that truth in a loud and clear voice."

Ms. Valencia Mohammed, At-Large Member, Washington, D.C. Board of Education, and mother of five children who are enrolled in the D.C. public school system, applauded the formation of CURES. "For the most part," she commented, "parents cannot initiate change because they act individually. This will be the first organization of its kind to sincerely address the real needs of the students by bringing parents together to demand a quality education for every child."

Jones contended that our educational failures should be blamed not on dedicated teachers but on the unworkable and ineffective educational tools and textbooks our teachers are given. As an example, he noted that 80% of U.S. public schools have replaced systematic, intensive phonics reading instruction with "sight reading" or "whole language" reading courses resulting in a continual decline in literacy among U.S. students and adults.

"Teachers can no more teach children how to read with these methods than a skilled plumber can repair a sink with a rubber wrench," Jones said.

Numerous studies have documented the growing illiteracy among American citizens, a problem often cited as the root cause for increasing urban crime and declining competence of the U.S. work force.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, the U.S. has 90 million people who are functionally illiterate. A 1992 Justice Department research report says this growing illiteracy is directly responsible for criminal behavior among youth.

"The future of our children and of our country is being systematically destroyed by educational methods and textbooks which have consistently produced failure. We need

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## Community calendar

### EVERY WEDNESDAY

**IRVINGTON**—Irvington Dept. of Health and Welfare is presenting Father's Program. Offering counseling, employment, education, medical/health assistance and much more. Group meets from 12 - 4 p.m. in the hospital's ambulatory dept. For further information call 399-6124.

### NOW THRU FEBRUARY 20

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum presents an exhibition entitled "Sacred Connections: Don Miller's Triptych for Bethany Baptist Church." At 12 noon - 5 p.m. for more information call 596-6550.

### NOW THRU MARCH 4

**POMONA**—The Richard Stockton College of Art Gallery presents an exhibit of Arts of Central Africa. Gallery is located in room H-113. Hours are Monday - Friday, 12:30-5:30 p.m., Sunday 12-4 p.m.

### NOW THRU FEBRUARY 28

**NEWARK**—Essex County College presents an exhibition entitled "Celebrating Our Cultural Diversity." Featuring Alonzo Adams and Charles Caldwell. From 8 a.m. - 8:30 p.m. in the gallery. For further information call 877-5260.

### FEBRUARY 13 THRU JUNE 26

**MONTCLAIR**—Navajo and Rio Grande Textiles from "The Collection," a survey of the Navajo weaving tradition from 1850-1950, now at the Montclair Art Museum. For further information call 201-746-5555.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum presents a slide talk workshop entitled "Fashion and Textile Designs," with Jerald Walker. For further information call 201-596-6007.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**NEWARK**—Newark Community School of Art presents Folktales and Stories: High John de Conquer, with Marc Primus and Celestine de Saussure, at 12:15 p.m. in Davis Hall.

For more information call 642-0133.

### FEBRUARY 22 THRU 25

**NEWARK**—Essex County College presents an African-American Bazaar, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information call 877-3067.

### NOW THRU FEBRUARY 27

**WATCHUNG**—Watching Arts Center presents a "Blast of Color" a dramatic exhibition of varied paintings. The exhibition is on view Monday to Friday from 1 - 4 p.m. For further information call 908-753-0190.

**MILLBURN**—Visit New York museums and galleries via a luxury coach which will leave the rear parking lot of Saks Fifth Avenue at 8:30 a.m. Passengers.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum presents a slide talk on Theatre and Drama with Nerfretre Rashad, from 12:30 - 1:30 p.m. for more information call 696-6550.

### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum presents a symposium: Ancient Nubia: Egypt's Rival in Africa" 9 a.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more information call 201-596-6550.

### NEWARK—The Newark Boys Chorus

will perform at the Good Neighbor Baptist Church at 6 p.m. For more information call 621-8900.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**PLAINFIELD**—The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society meets at 3 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue. This reading: "Race Matters" by Cornell West. For more info, call 908-757-1111.

### SUNDAY, MARCH 20

**PLAINFIELD**—The Zora Neale Hurston Literary Society meets at 3 p.m. at the Plainfield Public Library, Park Avenue. This reading: "Free" by Marsha Hunt. For more info, call (908)757-1111.

## Police and schools volunteer to fight hunger

**NEWARK**—A recent two-week employee food drive at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center collected more than 300 pounds of items for the city's homeless and hungry. Beth Israel employees were assisted by members of the police department and Newark's school system.

From pasta and pancake mix to peanut butter and soup, a nutritious variety of non-perishable goods were dropped in strategically placed boxes throughout the medical center. The boxed, bottled, and canned items were earmarked primarily for The Light House soup kitchen in Newark, the largest soup kitchen in the city and one of the largest in the state.

Zach Lipner, director of Food and Nutrition Services at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, coordinated the food drive in conjunction

with the non-profit Brotherhood Project, based in Newark. "Knowing that we're helping the hungry makes this project extremely satisfying," he said. "Judging from the big success of our efforts, medical center employees have really marshaled their resources to help those less fortunate."

According to Jack Levine of Irvington, director of the Brotherhood Project, the medical center's efforts have prompted Newark's educational system and police department to assist with future area food collections. Newark School Superintendent has approved the project's sponsorship of year-round food drives in the district. Levine and community service officers on the Newark Police Department will approach each school for permission to place collection boxes in classrooms.



Zach Lipner, director of Food and Nutrition Services at Newark Beth Israel Medical Center, and community activists display the successful fruits of the medical center's recent employee food drive for the homeless of Newark. From left, James Murphy of Newark, co-coordinator of the Newark-based Brotherhood Project, which co-sponsored the drive; Jack Levine of Irvington, director of the Brotherhood Project; Newark Community Service Officers James Martin and Crystal Rollins, both of Newark, who are approaching city schools to accommodate food drives; and Lipner.

## Petitions being accepted for Plainfield School Board candidates

**PLAINFIELD**—The Plainfield Board of Education is accepting petitions for candidates wishing to run for the three available seats on the School Board.

Elections for school board members will be held on April 19, 1994. Candidates for the vacancies must submit a nominating petition to the secretary of the board signed by at least 10 qualified voters in the district. Board members are required to serve three years.

Nominating petitions and information on the legal qualifications for candidates, campaign requirements and responsibilities

are available from the secretary of the board, 504 Madison Avenue, Plainfield, N.J. 07064.

For more information, call 908-757-1111.

## BUILDING TOMORROW TOGETHER: SCHOLARSHIPS

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GM SCHOLAR  
SOUTHERN UNIVERSITY

"As a student at Southern University and A&M College, I have applied this philosophy in all my academic endeavors as I work toward a degree in electrical engineering. I also applied it in my first engineering assignment at Delco Electronics Corporation, Kokomo, Indiana. My assignment was in Service Test Equipment Engineering and it was a very rewarding experience."

It's no wonder that Sonyelle Polk is a General Motors scholar.

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## Coping

by Dr. Charles W. Faulkner  
*I'm as good as you are, I think!*

Recently, I analyzed the behavioral problems of a man whose angry outbursts, manipulative behavior and obvious insecurity made people despise him.

His behavioral structure was similar to Mary's. Mary bought her ticket far in advance, so that she would have a good seat at Janet Jackson's concert. She couldn't wait for Janet to appear.

Finally, the day came and Mary was sitting on a front row seat, enjoying the wonderful singing and beautiful appearance of Janet Jackson. At first, she loved and admired every song that Janet sang. Then, for a reason, unknown to herself, Mary began to dislike Janet Jackson. Her dislike grew into virtual hatred.

Here is the silent conversation that Mary had with herself, as she watched Janet Jackson perform. "Wow! Janet can really sing and she is really beautiful, her figure is perfect. Her clothes are spectacular. Her voice is outstanding." After watching Janet Jackson perform for 10 minutes, Mary had this other conversation with herself: "Janet Jackson is beautiful, but she is just a 'show-off.' Janet thinks she is better than everyone else. I hate people who show-off. I don't like Janet Jackson anymore. If you really look at her carefully, you can see that she is not that good. If I had Janet's money, I could wear the same clothes that she has on."

"If I had her voice, I could sing in night clubs. If I had her figure, I would have all of the men chasing me, too. She is more beautiful than I, and I hate her for it. I'm sorry that I wasted my money to see her. She has made me feel bad. There she is up on that stage making a million dollars, and here I am, without a boyfriend, with a job that I hate and with no chance to be successful. Damn, I hate Janet Jackson."

Admiration for Janet Jackson, at first. Then, however, she could not avoid comparing herself to Janet Jackson. This comparison made her feel bad because Janet Jackson was obviously superior in many ways. Janet Jackson's superiority reminded Mary of Mary's own inferiority. Where initially Mary had viewed Janet Jackson as entertainment, Janet's superior capabilities now made her a competitor. It was obviously impossible for Mary to compete with a person with superior talents like Janet Jackson. So Mary's only "weapon" was to hate Janet Jackson.

Mary probably dislikes most people with whom she comes into contact, even average people. However, since Mary does not like herself, she does not like anyone else whom she perceives of as being better than she. Mary may in fact, be superior to some people. But, if she "thinks" that she is not as good as they, she will attack them. The most important thing is whether one thinks that she is good. Fantasies become reality. Mary's personality is nearly identical to the personality of the man who had lost all of his friends.

No one is perfect, there is always someone better. There are also many people who are not as capable as we. We must, therefore, accept ourselves independently of other people. When we like ourselves, it doesn't matter who else likes us; it doesn't matter how good or how bad others are. Let's just be concerned about ourselves. We are not perfect. But we are good enough.

## Life's Little Instructions

There are people who will always come up with reasons why you can't do what you want to do. Ignore them.



**NEWARK**—Members of the United Hospitals Medical Center's Community Advisory Board and medical staff at a recent reception held at the Newark Club honoring the hospital's newly appointed Board of trustee members. (l-r) Andrew Washington of Newark, Community Advisory Board member, Frank Walters of Newark and Dr. Adewale Ogunbanjo, Director of Adult Emergency Medicine at United Hospitals.

## Irvington Hospital looking for honored guests to celebrate birthday

**IRVINGTON**—If you were born at Irvington General Hospital you are invited as an honored guest to celebrate the hospital's 70th anniversary on March 18th.

From 1924, when the hospital opened until 1958 when the obstetrics wing of the hospital closed, over 5,000 babies were born at Irvington General. Judith Loudemilk, Vice President of Administrative Services at the hospital says that it is a natural thing to invite those born at the hospital to its birthday celebration. "Babies born at Irvington General are an important part of the history of the hospital and will be the honored guests at the celebration."

The itinerary for the party includes a cake cutting ceremony, tours of the hospital, showing of a historical documentary about Irvington General, speeches made by hospital and Irvington Town dignitaries and a photo session of the honored guests. As honored guests, those born at the hospital will also receive gifts commemorating the anniversary. "It should be an exciting event and one that will certainly conjure up many memories of the past," comments Mrs. Loudemilk.

If you, or someone you know was born at Irvington General Hospital, please call Angie Messina or Judith Loudemilk at 201-399-6409 to reserve a space at the birthday party.

## A Salute to Black History Month.

During Black History Month, East Orange General Hospital Salutes Black Americans who have made extraordinary contributions in a wide variety of endeavors.

In particular, East Orange General Hospital acknowledges two outstanding pioneers in medicine, Dr. Charles R. Drew and Dr. Daniel Hale Williams. Dr. Drew was a surgeon who developed a method of preserving blood plasma for extended periods of time. Dr. Williams performed the first successful operation on the human heart. These medical leaders are just two of the Black Americans who have enriched our knowledge and skills in the field of healthcare.

To help ensure that others will be able to follow in their footsteps, East Orange General Hospital is investing in the future with educational financial assistance in a variety of medical fields. For more information regarding these educational opportunities, contact Employment Recruiter at 201-266-8513.

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**La Toya dishes out more dirt on Michael:** In the still controversial wake of his out-of-court settlement of a child molestation suit, Michael Jackson's older sister La Toya added to the controversy recently by suggesting that her super-star brother was a child molester who "preferred little white boys." Her comments came during the taping of his out-of-court settlement of a child molestation suit, "Inside Edition." Asked if she felt Michael was a child abuser, she answered "he is a person of doing that." She also asserted that Michael once told her he preferred "little white boys" and did not want to "waste my time with women." According to La Toya, Michael also kept a human brain in a jar at his home. Meanwhile, the pop super-star is trying to repair his damaged reputation — after paying an estimated \$50 million for the boy to drop his civil suit — with a series of public appearances. The most prominent will be the "Jackson Family Honors" show scheduled to be broadcast over the NBC network February 22. — LOS ANGELES, CA

**Neglected Chicago children may reflect growing trend:** Enriched poverty, growing use of wedlock births, drug use and parental neglect all combined to produce a recent horror story in Chicago. Police, who had raided, found no drugs, but instead 19 dirty, hungry children living in a squalid Chicago apartment in a poverty-ridden, drug-infested neighborhood. The children (all black) ranged in age from 1 to 14 and two of them were said to be competing with the family dog for food lying on the floor. All the children were apparently the offspring of four sisters. Two women and one man were arrested. Child advocate Patrick T. Murphy said such neglect is unusual nationwide. "The number is unusual but the scenario is a daily occurrence. That's the real tragedy." Meanwhile, some critics blamed both drugs and the war against drugs for such situations. In this case, for example, police and child welfare officials had failed to adequately respond to neighbors' complaints about treatment of the children. They only acted when a report of drugs being sold from the apartment was filed. No drugs were found. — CHICAGO, IL

**Black elected officials make record gains:** In its annual report, the Joint Center for Political Studies reported recently that the number of black elected officials rose to a record 8,015 in 1993. That represented a 6.1% increase over 1992. — WASHINGTON, DC

**Ron Brown cleared of bribery charges:** During the same week President Clinton decided to lift the 19-year-old trade embargo against Vietnam, the nation's first black Secretary of Commerce Ron Brown was cleared of charges that he accepted a \$700,000 bribe to get the embargo lifted. The charge was made by Vietnamese businessman Ly Thien Binh and had been under investigation by a Miami grand jury. — MIAMI, FL

**Upper income and poor blacks move in different directions:** According to an analysis of Census Bureau data by a researcher with the University of Michigan Population Studies Center, college educated and poor blacks are moving to different U.S. cities. Poor blacks tend to move to smaller metropolitan areas in the South and Midwest; while middle-class college graduates are being drawn to larger metropolitan areas. The only cities to draw equal numbers of poor and upper income blacks were Atlanta, Georgia and Raleigh-Durham, North Carolina. Attracting the largest number of poor blacks were Norfolk, Virginia; Milwaukee, Wisconsin and Minneapolis, Minnesota. The favorite destinations of college educated blacks — besides Atlanta — were Dallas-Ft. Worth, Texas; Los Angeles, California and Washington, D.C. — ANN ARBOR, MI

**Sharpton set to announce for U.S. Senate:** Outspoken and often controversial activist Rev. Al Sharpton appears ready to announce his intention to run for the U.S. Senate. One Sharpton supporter says the formal announcement will come on February 22. But Sharpton has refused to announce an exact date. He would be running against veteran New York Democrat Senator Daniel Patrick Moynihan. Currently there is only one black in the 100-member U.S. Senate. — NEW YORK

## Head Start and colleges gain increases in Clinton Budget

by Frances Murphy, Washington

A \$152 trillion budget, which increases funding for Head Start (a program for pre-kindergarten children), black colleges and allows more money to fight crime, but cuts jobs from the federal payroll, was sent to the Congress by President Clinton last week.

The budget has to be approved by the House of Representatives and the U.S. Senate before it becomes law for the fiscal year beginning October 1, 1995.

In addition, the Clinton budget increases the District of Columbia's annual federal payment by \$22 million, making it a total of \$670 million.

Christopher Edley, associate director of the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) in a conference call with members of the Black Press from across the nation, described the plan as "a very tight, difficult budget, which imposes fiscal discipline more severe than any faced by the federal government before."

He explained that there were \$16

billion in program cuts and \$15.5 million more cuts to make room for investment priorities in education development, Head Start and jobs programs.

The budget is organized into 650 accounts. Some 115 small federal cabinet agencies were terminated. Of the 14 cabinet agencies, seven were cut below last year in actual dollar terms. These are Agriculture, Defense, Education, Energy, Interior, international programs and the Treasury.

On the bright side, Historically Black Colleges and Universities received a five percent increase including gains in capital financing and construction loans. Some \$193.9 million was proposed for Howard University whose current budget is \$191.7 million.

Also receiving increases, in addition to Head Start, were the immunization program for children, the Civil Rights Commission (to increase its staff by 30) and the EEOC to increase its staff to erase a backlog in discrimination cases, and to improve processing.

There is also an increase for the Legal Service Corporation which

handles legal aid for the poor. HUD received an increase for fair housing for enforcement and outreach efforts.

On crime, the budget grants money to state and local communities for 50,000 police officers. The \$1.7 billion is for salaries and equipment. Local communities are expected to train these new officers. However, there are a few million dollars for a pilot program called Police Corp.

The Clinton budget allows \$100 million for the implementation of the Brady Bill and the setup of a National Computer Network to aid in gun control.

There is also \$2.8 billion for prisons — those already under construction — and those waiting for money to open. There are 30 federal prisons already under construction and one new prison is opened every two months, Edley said.

Getting a doubling of spending money was the homeless program. This is part of the initiative of Secretary of HUD Henry Cisneros, who has called this problem his highest priority. He wants state and local governments to have money for construction and Section 8 housing, so that the

homeless can get into their own homes. The Small Business Administration was granted an increase to support more loans for small businesses.

On the other side of the ledger, mass transit, defense, veterans affairs, public housing modernization and construction of private homes for the elderly with federal funding were cut.

Edley, in explaining about the latter two, said that as for private housing for the elderly, there was a backlog of five years of money which state and local communities had not spent, mainly because of poor management and red tape on both the state and federal level. He explained that if no money was appropriated in this 1995 fiscal budget, there would still be money available for construction.

The same, he said, is true of public housing modernization, which

he called the situation a "scandal." Although the defense budget was cut, Congressman Ronald Dellums, chairman of the House Armed Services Committee, said, "I see this budget proposal as steady funding for too costly programs."

He said that "Upon review, it appears that this budget adequately provides the funds to purchase the proposed forces to fight-and-win two simultaneous, major regional conflicts, as called for by the Bottom Up Review. This represents an enormous commitment of scarce economic resources that may not be justified by our national security needs."

He also questioned the amount allotted the Navy to build a new aircraft carrier. He said that "I do not believe that the Navy has yet made the case that the carrier is more important than the programs it would invade in order to pay for it."

## Brown anxious to jump start economy in South Africa

TRENTON—Assemblyman Willie Brown (D-Essex), recently said that he is anxious for New Jersey to jump start the economy in South Africa by approving legislation that would repeal all divestiture laws against the country.

Brown delayed action on the bill last session because of continued racial violence and skepticism about the future of an integrated government in South Africa, as recently as last December.

"I have been in constant correspondence with ANC representatives, who have finally given me the green light to pursue this legislation aggressively," Brown said.

The reintroduced measures (A-856, A-857) would repeal divestiture statutes and reaffirm investment of public pension fund assets in financial institutions and other companies doing business in, or with, the Republic of South Africa. They also would resume investment of funds being used in, or going to, the country.

"New Jersey can no longer continue to hinder the heroic progress made by African National Congress President Nelson Mandela," said Brown. "His efforts to create a peaceful, multi-

racial government will only be strained by our deferment."

"Assembly Speaker Garabar 'Chuck' Haytian has already committed himself as a co-prime sponsor of the repeal bill, and has expressed assurance that this issue knows no partisan boundaries," he added. "This measure is a conclusive element in South Africa's economic growth."

Brown explained that since the enactment of the state's 1985 divestiture laws, he has visited Johannesburg and other parts of South Africa twice, and found that it is imperative that the state help facilitate a successful transition there.

"As prime sponsor of the initial New Jersey Divestiture bill, I am in firm belief that the negative economic impact we intended was successful. The social and political climate in South Africa is now such that New Jersey can no longer justify restrictive measures."

"New Jersey should be proud that our efforts led to the fall of apartheid by opening the gateways for democratic influences, our state would be remiss if we continued to support sanctions against this changing nation."

## Khadijah Farrakhan visits Ghana

Mrs. Khadijah Farrakhan, wife of the Honorable Louis Farrakhan who is currently in Ghana on a thirty day visit with her son Joshua, was recently received by President Jerry John Rawlings of the Fourth Republic of Ghana.

Mrs. Farrakhan presented a letter from Minister Farrakhan, extending his invitation to President Rawlings to open the Nation of Islam's Saviour's Day Convention which will take place in Accra, Ghana in October 1994.

Minister Akbar Muhammad, Minister Farrakhan's International Representative, explained the importance of the conference and the number of brothers and sisters that they expect from around the world. According to Minister Akbar, 1,400 brothers and sisters have already signed up for travel to Ghana. He also indicated that Ghana officials feel that the maximum number of travelers should be 3,000.

President Rawlings, in his meeting with Mrs. Farrakhan, also thanked the Nation of Islam for the generous donation of medical equipment and supplies that were officially turned over to Mrs. Margaret Clark Kwasi, Deputy Minister of Health. The medical equipment was made available by the efforts of Mosque No. 11 in Boston, Massachusetts. The medical equipment, which was val-

ued at \$122,000, was secured during Minister Akbar's recent tour to 18 cities in the U.S. preparing brothers and sisters for the Saviour's Day Convention in Ghana.

Mrs. Farrakhan also had the opportunity to meet and travel with Mrs. Maryam Sankara, wife



Mrs. Khadijah Farrakhan, President Jerry John Rawlings of Ghana, and Minister Akbar Muhammad, Director of the Nation of Islam's African office.

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# OPINION

## EDITORIAL

### A time for renewal

During this month of emphasis on black history, hopefully one lesson that young and old will learn is the fact that, how well one knows his past is directly linked with his ability to read and comprehend the great writers.

Maybe the first lesson for our young is to have them read. Understanding that knowledge gained through the ability to read and communicate could only lead to rebellion, the slave master set up codes, slave codes, that banned all activities where slaves could acquire knowledge or communicate with each other.

Today, it seems that the slave master still holds power over us. Where is the clamor to learn to read. Where is the cry for knowledge? Somewhere along the years of struggle, black people have allowed of mass to win.

Maybe the last great uprising of the sixties drained black people of their will to do what our ancestors did for—the acquisition of knowledge, the need for advancement, and the will to be free. Or, maybe, now that black folk have experienced the great fall, it's time to revisit the unfinished task and renew the commitment, make strides for ourselves and our children.

### Letter to the editor

#### A case of mistaken identity

Dear Editor:

I am writing you in response to an article that appeared in Connie Woodruff's "As I See It" dated January 26, 1994. She stated that "East Orange Councilwoman Beverly K. Williams is very upset with Sadi Nguva, the former Central Ward Democratic District Leader. Seems that Nguva's invitation for a fund-raiser as a candidate for Central Ward Councilman lists a Beverly Williams as his campaign manager. And that she is definitely not the East Orange Councilwoman. To further confuse the issue, Beverly K. Williams works at a housing management office in Newark, has little or no contact with Sadi or his committee to elect, and had to clarify this issue publicly at the last East Orange council meeting."

When you read this article, it suggests that my campaign committee is engaged in some unethical activities. I would like to state for the record, my campaign manager is Beverly Williams of Newark, New Jersey. Employed by the State of New Jersey, Ms. Williams is also President of AFSCME Local 2221, State Secretary of Council 73, Executive Board Member of the Coalition of Black Trade Unions, and a labor union graduate. She was a New Jersey Delegate for Jesse Jackson in 1988, a past President of the New Jersey Rainbow Coalition and Newark coordinator of Operation Big Vote in 1993. With her impressive track record, Beverly Williams of Newark would be an asset to any campaign and I am fortunate that she has agreed to manage mine. This information is provided to help Councilwoman Beverly K. Williams through her identity crisis.

Yours truly,  
Sadi Nguva  
Candidate for Central Ward Councilman

### Quote of the Week

*Divestment is the one strategy that could bring about change with a minimum of violence...The Sullivan Principles have made our chains more comfortable. What we want are the chains to be removed.*

—Bishop Desmond Tutu

## State Mandate, State Pay: No Panacea

by Senator John A. Lynch

State mandate, state pay. Sounds simple and eminently fair. Apparently, from all that Governor Whitman has said, the policy has been unqualified support. The public seems to love it. Members of the League of Municipalities flock into cheers at the mere mention of the phrase. But, as they say, if it sounds too good to be true, it probably is.

As the former Mayor of New Brunswick, I can attest to the burden that local governments face as a di-

rect result of federal and state mandates. Mandates continue to impose a particularly heavy burden on those cities and older suburbs that saw their tax base shrink as jobs and commercial development moved to undeveloped areas of the State during the 1980's. I know that those who are charged with balancing local budgets continue to face these same frustrations year after year.

There does seem to be something patently unfair about one level of government requiring another to provide specific services without provid-

ing the necessary funding. My understanding of the problem, in fact, led me to co-sponsor the original State Mandate/State Pay constitutional amendment in 1986.

The very fact that today—nearly eight years after the initial introduction of this legislative proposal—we continue to debate the merits of the policy speaks volumes about its capacity to solve the problem. There is no doubt that the concept has an intrinsic, instant appeal as a "quick fix." There also can be no doubt that the policy has complex implications and benefits under-explored negative consequences.

First and foremost among these is that proposed legislation, up to this point, has spoken only to payment for the provision of future State mandated municipal services, excluding federal, judicial, and executive mandates, as well as school costs. Since, on average, well over half of all local costs relate to schools, the best we can hope for, under current proposals, is half a success. Why bother? Why pretend to be solving the problem when, at the outset, the "solution" ignores a large part of the source thereby compromising the primary goal of relieving the burden on local governments and property taxpayers?

Further, since State mandate/State pay does not, in and of itself, require additional net appropriations of State dollars to local governments, it is probable that a portion of the moneys needed to meet mandated obligations would be found in other State payments to local governments. We would be engaged in nothing more than the circular fiscal shell game having little if no positive impact on property taxes.

with women and children in the African-American community.

The Governor must have been heartened by the words of praise from Assemblyman Willie Brown, the Newark South Ward Democratic chairman and former Assembly minority leader who said his "candid dealing" with the Ed Rollins situation has helped restore her credibility among blacks. I trust her and I'm most of the community trusts her. I'm very impressed with the way she's starting out," Brown is reputed to have said.

Other Assembly members present included Wayne Bryant (D-Camden), Joseph Charles (D-Hudson), Tom Smith (R-Monmouth), Shirley Turner (D-Mercer) and Nita Gill (D-Essex).

While all this sweetness and delight was taking place in Trenton elected officials and voters in Essex County continued to gear up for the primary battle, the council election in Orange and the elections of mayors and council members in Newark and Irvington.

### CHILD WATCH

by Marian Wright Edelman

Easy access to guns compounded by a growing sense of hopelessness has led to open warfare in our society. Every day, 13 children die from guns and at least 30 others are wounded, casualties of our unclerical American war. Whether fear, anger, greed, or carelessness motivates these acts of gun violence, our children are maimed and killed just the same. So, let's work together to end the senseless killing of our children.

The first step we can take is to get guns out of the hands of children and those who kill our children. We are bombarded often with reasons why we should have guns, but too seldom hear the true facts. Hopefully, the following set of gun myths and realities will help you to see the crucial role that firearms play in America's violent culture.

**Myth 1: Guns make you safe.** Reality: In fact, guns make you far less safe and endanger your loved

ones. According to a recent study, a gun in the home increases the likelihood of homicide threefold. A gun in the home is also 43 times more likely to be used to commit homicide, suicide or an accidental killing than it is to be used for self-defense.

**Myth 2: The Second Amendment protects the rights of citizens to keep and bear arms.** Reality: The Second Amendment provides that, "A well regulated militia, being necessary to the security of a free state, the right of the people to keep and bear arms, shall not be infringed." Every court that has interpreted the Second Amendment has found it is infringed only by regulations that curtail the ability to maintain a well-regulated militia.

**Myth 3: Guns don't kill, people kill.** Reality: In fact, according to the FBI, "When assaults by type of weapon are examined, a gun proves to be seven times more deadly than all other weapons combined." In 1990, over 500 children and youths under 20 were killed by guns in accidental

To compound the problem, State mandate payments would be program-specific and categorical, while ninety percent of existing State aid dollars are non-categorical. Obviously, this shift would seriously restrict the autonomy of local government officials who, very often, are able to identify the most efficient, innovative and productive ways to utilize scarce fiscal resources, effectively controlling costs.

Finally, I wonder if local officials who are inclined to support a State mandate/State pay policy would be willing to bear the increased and explicit State control over their government that may accompany additional State dollars. In the interest of seeing to it that State funded mandates are properly executed, the Legislature will need to enact standards and requirements for administration, staffing, and salaries for new and expanded programs. In the guise of providing fiscal relief to local governments, local officials will be facing the consequent addition of tighter State controls.

Even if local officials have no problem with that scenario, in a State of 567 municipalities, I wonder how the Legislature can devise a series of standards that serves each municipality fairly and well. Imagine the Legislature imposing a mandate which requires a recycling program, or any number of public health programs, then devising uniform standards for implementation which make sense for communities as disparate as Newark and Spring Lake. Perhaps more to the point, I wonder if we would want State government to be in the business of micro-managing local government.

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# As I See It...

One of the most interesting events of the week was the report that a hastily put together Black-Latino coalition for at-large and ward council seats in the Newark election is about to split up. Some call it a clash of personalities while the more cynical claim the question of money has reared its ugly head.

If asked to make an educated guess, I'd bet that for now Mildred Crump is leading the pack of non-incumbents in search of a seat on the Newark's City Council. It will be Crump's third trip to the altar of public opinion, so she brings a high recognition factor and experienced campaigning in to the fray.

No one can ever accuse Mildred Crump of not having determination and tenacity. She's been campaigning hard for the past four years, has stepped up the tempo of the community volunteer efforts and building bridges with groups she hopes will help her reach her goal.

Black women comprise the largest voting bloc in Newark but have yet to elect a woman of color to the city council, although the number of Af-

rican-American female candidates have doubled their numbers in the last three municipal elections.

Without Marie Villani in the running this year, it should enhance the possibility of an African-American woman. Black women in Newark don't lack the opportunity to be represented by one of their own. They have the numbers. What they seemingly lack is the will.

At last report, support for Freeholder president Sara Bost to challenge Mike Steele for mayor of Irvington is gaining momentum.

Dick Codey (D-Essex) is doing so good a job in the State Senate I can't believe he would give it up to run against a fellow Democrat, Herb Klein for Congress. But that's what I'm hearing.

Meantime, Rev. Bob Richardson, the young minister who played a dominant role in Christa Whitman's campaign is toying with the idea of helping Chuck Haytian in the Republican legislator's campaign against incumbent U.S. Senator Frank Lautenberg.

shootings.

**Myth 4: More prisons will curb gun violence.** Reality: During the 1980s, the U.S. prison population nearly tripled, while the violent crime rate continued to rise. Most gun violence occurs in the course of arguments and not other criminal behavior, often is not premeditated, and is therefore not subject to criminal deterrence.

**Myth 5: There is a solution to gun violence.** Reality: Violence is a complex problem resulting from the sum total of other social ills, including poverty, joblessness, poor schools, disintegrating families and communities, a history of family violence, and easy access to guns. The solution to violence will have to be equally multifaceted and long-term. However, limiting access to guns is one immediate way to curb deadly violence.

**Myth 6: Guns are already regulated sufficiently.** Reality: Guns are virtually the only unregulated consumer product in the United States. While Teddy bears, toasters, and tractors are subject to strict safety regulations, guns are not.

**Myth 7: Violence and crime are just inner-city problems.** Reality: Violence and crime have invaded suburban, small town, and rural America. There is no hiding place. Gang violence now occurs in smaller cities traditionally considered safe such as Little Rock, Arkansas, Wichita, Kansas, and Knoxville, Tennessee. Michael Jordan's father's bullet-ridden body was found in his small, rural home county.

**Myth 8: Gun control laws do not make a difference.** Reality: No single gun control law will control crime. However, effective gun control laws promise to reduce the lethality of

violence. And, like any other laws, the potential effectiveness of gun control laws varies greatly. Some promise to curtail gun violence while others promise to have only a minimal impact.


Whether you are a hunter, an NRA member, gun owner, or not, I hope you will agree that child gun deaths must stop and join in calling for a cease fire and responsible firearms and ammunition control.

**Children's Defense Fund Annual National Conference**

March 3rd through 5th are the dates to set aside for the Children's Defense Fund's Annual National Conference, at the Cincinnati (Ohio) Convention Center. This year's theme: "Leave No Child Behind." The program includes "How To" workshops and Superconferences, such as "1994 Legislative Agenda for Children," "Young Black and Giving Back: The Black Student Leadership Network," and "Road Map to National Health Care Reform."

Spears include Ohio Governor George Voinovich (R); North Carolina Governor James B. Hunt, Jr. (D); Valora Washington, Ph.D., Vice-President, Thomas W.K. Kellogg Foundation; U.S. Attorney Janet Reno, Ohio Attorney General Lee Fisher (R); James Garbarino, President, Erikson Institute for Advanced Study in Child Development; and CDF President Marian Wright Edelman. First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton has been invited to speak. For more information, call the CDF Conference Hotline at 202-662-3684.

Marian Wright Edelman is president of the Children's Defense Fund, a national voice for children and a leader of the Black Community Crusade for Children. For more information, call 1-800-ASK-BCCC.



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SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**JERSEY CITY**—Abiba the storyteller returns to the museum at 2 p.m. with more tales of Minerva, a 12-year-old African American girl growing up in the South during the 1960s. For further information call 201-547-4514.

**SOMERSET**—Raritan Valley Community College presents a showing of *Native American Sky Legends* at 1 and 4 p.m. and *Follow The Drinking Gourd* at 2:30 p.m. All tickets at \$4, \$3.50 for group rate of 15 or more. For further information call 908-231-8805.

FEBRUARY 19 & 20

**NEW YORK**—Presidents Day Celebration. Learn the American tradition of quilt making, or create a flag to celebrate President's Day. Children's Museum of the Arts, 77 Spring St., New York. Call for info 212-274-1776.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**NEWARK**—Essex County College African-American History Month Committee Children's Day 9 a.m. on the third level - Yellow Area. For more info, call 201-877-3067.

**SOMERSET**—Raritan Valley Community College presents a showing of *Native American Sky Legends* at 1 and 4 p.m. and *Follow The Drinking Gourd* at 2:30 p.m. All tickets at \$4, \$3.50 for group rate of 15 or more. For further information call 908-231-8805.

FEBRUARY 26 & 27

**NEW YORK**—Toy Making, at the Children's Museum of the Arts, \$4 per person, aged 18 months-65 yrs. Children under 18 months, adults over 65 and members admitted free.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**SOMERSET**—The New Jersey Ballet will perform their rollicking version of "Cinderella" with some strange looking stepsisters, at 1, 3:30 and 6 p.m. Tickets are \$6/all seats. For information call (908) 725-3420.

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Sunday Family Day workshops are offered on a first-come, first-served basis at 12:45, 2 and 3:15 p.m. The registrations continue with Saturday morning workshops offered at 10 a.m. and repeated at 11:30 a.m. Although the programs are free, pre-registration is recommended to guarantee first choice for Saturday morning workshops. To register, or be placed on the Kaleidoscope Kids mailing list, please call 609-292-6310 between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m.

## Create a book challenge give kids new incentive

**NEWARK**—During the recent "Children's Book Week," at The Newark Public Library children were invited to create a book and enter it in the Library's Create-A-Book contest. Participants could write about a true or an imagined experience, created by the child.

The books were judged in two categories according to the child's grade level: pre-K to grade 3, and grades 4 through 8. Prizes were awarded to the top three winners in each group, with first-place winners re-

ceiving a book and a personal stereo cassette player courtesy of Panasonic Corporation.

Winners in the pre-K to grade 3 category were:  
1st Place—Joseph Romeo  
2nd Place—Shaquillah McMillan  
3rd Place—Alavia Green  
Winners in grades 4 through 8 were:  
1st Place—Miguel Zavala  
2nd Place—Melwin Oliveras  
3rd Place—Sabine Nau

A patron of the Van Buren Branch Library, Joseph Romeo is eight years

old and a third-grade student at Robert Fulton School. His first place winning entry, *The Life of a Cat Named Snowflake*, included color illustrations and dealt with four days in a cat's life. Snowflake is the name of one of Joseph's two cats; he also has a pet turtle.

Miguel Zavala is eleven years old and a sixth-grade student at Our Lady of Good Counsel. He is a patron of the Branch Brook Branch Library. Among his hobbies is the study of dinosaurs. His first-place story, *Dinosauria*, in-

cluded pen illustrations and told about the prehistoric creatures which once roamed the earth.

According to Michele Cappetta, the Library's Youth Services Coordinator, "Several schools even had entire classes submit books. The children's enthusiasm for writing and illustrating was evidenced in the variety of books created." The "Create-A-Book" challenge was the brainchild of Frances Poter-Children's Librarian of the Main Library. Poter expects the Library to make this a yearly event.



First place winners Joseph Romeo (l) and Miguel Zavala.

## Teens rally to fight hunger

**LOS ANGELES**—Across the United States, thousands of teens are joining forces to fight hunger by taking part in the annual 30 Hour Famine, sponsored by the International Christian Humanitarian Organization World Vision. Over 70,000 American teens have already signed up to go without food for 30 hours to help feed the hungry at home and overseas.

Young people from schools, churches, youth groups and civic organizations are busy recruiting sponsors to support their 30 hour fast by pledging donations. Last year, more than 60,000 participants raised over \$500,000 through sponsor pledges.

"We're really building on the momentum and enthusiasm of the past year," says World Vision's A'Lea Hawkins, national manager

of the 30 Hour Famine. "It's great to see so many kids realizing that they can do something positive to make a difference in their world."

From 1 p.m. on Friday, February 25 to 7 p.m. on Saturday, February 26, the participants will go without food, and consume only water and fruit juices. The funds raised will be used to fight hunger through World Vision projects.

World Vision's 30 Hour Famine is well-established internationally as an effective way to raise awareness of world hunger. Last year, more than 1 million participants around the world raised over \$15 million.

To join the 30 Hour Famine, participants obtain sponsor books and supporting materials by calling the famine hotline at 1-800-7-FAMINE.

## UCTP prepares students for labor force

**CRANFORD**—The Union County Technical Preparatory consortium which was designed to help prepare students to fill a potential labor shortage and better meet employment needs of local firms requiring skills in selected areas, will host to a group of Plainfield high school students during February.

On Thursday, February 10, 20 Plainfield High School students visited Lincoln Technical Institute, Union, and on Monday, February 28, nine other Plainfield High School students will participate in a "shadowing" effort at Union County College's Elizabeth Campus.

Students who visited Lincoln Tech, a private, post-secondary school which is part of the consortium, have expressed vocational interest in automotive mechanics and drafting. They had the opportunity to observe Lincoln Tech students in the classroom, gaining first-hand insight into the type of work involved in pursuing advanced certification in these areas.

Those visiting Union County College will spend the day with Prof. Louis Campo and his mechanical engineering technology students. They will tour the MET laboratories

and work side-by-side with College students in a mentoring-type effort. The day will be culminated with a competitive tower-building exercise using tennis balls, straight pins, and rubber bands. High school students will race against the clock with College students to build the highest of two towers. The tower-building will involve applications of engineering principles using a wire.

School district participating in the training program are Elizabeth, Hillsdale, Linden, New Providence, Plainfield, Rahway, Roselle, Union, and Westfield, the Union County Vocational-Technical School in Scotch Plains, Lincoln Technical Institute in Union, and the Elizabeth General and Muhlenberg Regional Medical Centers Schools of Nursing. Articulation agreements have been formed with some of the above mentioned school districts and post-secondary schools.

Goals of the Tech Prep project are to expand the countywide consortium, composed of the educational institutions and business and industry. For further information about Tech Prep please call 908-965-2999.

## Televised homework help provided for Newark high school students

**NEWARK**—High school students will see the benefits of cable television first-hand when the Board of Education and Cablevision, Inc. premiers the Extra Help hotline for homework assistance. With a telephone, notebook pencil and questions, students will be able to call in homework problems, talk to an instructor and see the solutions worked out on their television screens.

The first segment of the hotline was premiered on Tuesday, February 15 with instructors Darnell Davis and Ken Herkovits, and was designed to help students with math problems. The second

session of the program focusing on English problems, will begin on Thursday, February 17 at 3:30 - 5:30 p.m. with instructors Joe Young and John King.

Students will be notified of the hotline through their schools. Sessions will run Tuesdays and Thursdays, respectively, until May 31 for math and June 2 for English. Instructors, who are also Newark teachers, will have the same textbooks as students and will be able to follow along with the students as they explain the problems. Lessons discussed by the instructors will coincide with classroom lessons.

## Newark school board releases plan to make up for lost snow days

**NEWARK**—According to the Newark Board of Education Spring Recess will be cut short for this year for Newark's 47,000 students.

The April break will be used to make up for the school days missed because of the unusually bad winter weather. Schools have been closed six times this year because of snow and cold. (January 4, 19, 20, 21, 26 and February 9).

While schools have been closed six times already for the year, the school calendar only allowed two days for emergency closings. In order to achieve the

state-mandated 180 days of classes, the Board of Education will recommend that schools be open on April 6 through 8. Additional days will be made up during the last week of June.

Executive Superintendent Eugene Campbell, stated that opening school during the Spring Recess may be inconvenient for some, the welfare of our children and some people may have made plans for that week in April, however, our students must receive the maximum amount of time in school and I know staff will cooperate as they have in the past."

## More than a month

**SOMERS, N.Y.**—Pepsi-Cola Company and Home Box Office recently announced a joint educational campaign designed to draw attention in the country's schools to African-American culture beyond February.

With the theme, "More Than A Month," both the soft drink company and the cable television company make the important point that "celebrating Black History" should not only be in February but throughout the entire year.

Through the "More Than A Month" campaign, the companies will provide up to 20,000 schools and community groups across the nation with the award-winning television documentary *Eyes On The Prize II*, about the civil rights movement and an HBO-produced educational/historical music video entitled *More Than A Month*, featuring co-writer and vocalist Zahnu. Rapper and actress Queen Latifah, provides a special introduction to the video program.

In addition, the companies will distribute an educator's study guide encompassing a full year of academic discussions on African-American culture. For educators, Black History Month is a special opportunity for enriching and expanding young people's understanding of African-American history and culture," said Mica Wilson, marketing manager for Pepsi-Cola Company. "We're very excited this year to team up with HBO to take the celebration of black history be-

yond the 28 days of February."

To anchor the campaign, HBO has compiled a special programming line-up for February, including *Malcolm X, Mo'Nasty: Black Comedy In America*, HBO original movie *Strapped* and the miniseries *Laurel Avenue*.



Representatives of Pepsi and HBO display More than a Month book and video tape.

**Celebrate black history. Visit your local library**

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**Share The Magical Story Of Your Library. Enter The New Jersey Library Changes Peoples' Lives Contest.**

The "How New Jersey Libraries Change Peoples' Lives Contest" asks library users of all ages to tell in poetry or prose - how their local library has made a positive impact on their lives. Write down your true stories and send them to us! Twenty-one winners, one from each county, will be selected from among all who share their stories. Six top winners will be picked from the 21.

**Rules:** Your poetry or prose should not exceed two pages, each 8 1/2 x 11 inches in size. There is no official entry form or fee. Children and adults who submit an entry should include their name, address, hometown and zip code, phone number and name of library or librarian they are showcasing.

**Send Entries To:** The New Jersey Library Association, PO Box 1534, Trenton, New Jersey, 08607. Entries will be postmarked by Monday, March 7, 1994. All entries become the property of the NJLA and will not be returned.

**Winners Receive:** A publicity story about each winner and his or her library will be written and distributed to news outlets across the state to coincide with National Library Week, April 17 - 25. The six top winners will also be honored at the annual NJLA Conference (April 27-29). Winning libraries will receive a plaque acknowledging the name of the contest winner.

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## Religious Calendar

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**NEWARK**—First Zion Baptist Church located at 186 Thomas Street will hold its Annual Black History Day Celebration. Guest speaker for the 11 a.m. service will be Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor, Pastor Emeritus of the Concord Baptist Church in Brooklyn. For further information call 201-242-4173.

SATURDAY, MARCH 5

**PLAINFIELD**—Plainfield High School Gospel Choir presents a Fashion Theater and Dinner at the High school auditorium. Dinner starts at 6 p.m. showtime 7:30 p.m. For further information call 908-755-5161, 753-3185 or 755-1556.

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## Lions Club hosts annual pancake breakfast

**PLAINFIELD**—The Lions Club of Plainfield has announced that its annual Pancake Breakfast will be held on Sunday morning, February 20, starting at 8 a.m. and continuing until 1 p.m. This year, the breakfast will be held at the Derox School, 513 West Sixth Street (next to St. Mary's RC Church). Individuals not wishing to have pancakes will be able to order eggs as a substitute. With either choice, ham or sausage will be available along with orange juice and 'bottomless cups of coffee'. Tickets may be purchased in advance from Club members or at the door, the cost is \$4.00 per breakfast. Special pricing arrangements are available for very young children.

## Self hypnosis as a better life tool

by Robert N. Taylor

When most people hear the word "hypnosis" they immediately think of something mysterious and manipulative. Few realize that hypnosis — including self-hypnosis — is a legitimate method of therapy for combating a host of problems, ranging from procrastination to overweight, and from low self-esteem to mental fatigue.

Self-hypnosis does not turn one into a zombie, subject to the will and control of someone else. Instead, it actually enables you to take greater control of your own life by discovering how to program your mind and conquer self-defeating behavior and attitudes which may have been ingrained into your subconscious since childhood. And it is these subconscious attitudes and beliefs which lie at the root of most self-defeating be-

haviors.

Self-hypnosis enables you to both discover and combat negative, self-limiting beliefs regardless of your age, education or circumstance. One crucial belief is that only a small number of highly suggestible people can be hypnotized. The fact is that nearly 98 percent of the population can be hypnotized to some degree. Indeed, the only people who cannot be hypnotized at all are those with virtually no powers of concentration due to some form of brain damage.

Further, the self-hypnosis process is not a complicated one. With just a little instruction you will be able to put yourself in a trance-like state and start programming your mind within less than an hour. Obviously, practicing tends to make perfect. Thus, it will take longer to become good at it the first time. But with daily practice of just 15 to 20 minutes, you can start seeing powerful results in a week or less.

There are several good books and tapes on the market. But the fundamental needs are these:

1 - A comfortable, quiet place where you will not be disturbed for at least 20 minutes.

2 - A clear, succinctly stated goal which does not exceed 25 words.

3 - A clear, how-to statement. For the key to success is not only programming your mind with the "what is to be done," but also "the how it is to be done." Again, all this is not to exceed 25 words.

4 - A clear, relaxed mind. You must be able to focus and concentrate. If your mind is cluttered with worries or outside thoughts you will fail. Start the relaxation process by eliminating outside noises, dimming the lights and taking deep, relaxing breaths.

5 - Close your eyes, visualize the way you want things to be and program your hypnotic suggestion with emotion and repetition.

6 - Act it out! Remember, emotion is the life force. It is what drives virtually all behavior. Instill the hypnotic suggestion by "acting it out." Do what you are programming even if it means play acting in the privacy of your own home. The body and mind must "experience" what you are programming.

There is more to mastering self-hypnosis than what is outlined above. But it is the beginning. If you would like an excellent little guide entitled, "Hypnotize Yourself," write to the Better Life Club, P.O. Box 28422, Washington, D.C. 20038. The guide is available for the non-profit group for only \$5.95.

Meanwhile, remember that you can change your life with self-hypnosis. You will be much better able to determine and direct your feelings and actions. Such self-hypnosis is the ultimate practical benefit to self-hypnosis.

## Celebrate your heritage read City News

### Black History Calendar

NOW THRU FEBRUARY 28

Warner Brothers presents A Tribute To A Hero, a four hour world premiere television special. Check local listings.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 16

**JERSEY CITY**—Dramatic readings from Jersey City H.S. students, music provided by the Mass Choir of Calvary Church, and local group "The Good Tones." Guest speakers Mayor Schuchler, Theodore Brunard, and Glenn Cunningham. 6:30 p.m., City Council Chambers.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**EDISON**—MCC presents a lecture by Hassan Salim, entitled African Spirituality, from 11:15 a.m. - 1 p.m. in Burkler Lounge in the college center.

**WA'YNE**—Lecture "State Sponsored Violence Against Youth—African Americans," Ivan Van Setima, Literary critic, linguist and anthropologist. William Paterson College, 7:30 P.M. Science Hall 200B. Call WPC Office of Minority Education (201) 595-3103 for campus activities.

**WAYNE**—Caribbean Student Association presents a lecture entitled, "State sponsored Violence Against Youth—African Americans." Speaker will be Literary critic Ivan Van Setima. Lecture begins at 7:30 p.m. in the Science Hall 200B.

LAWRENCEVILLE—Rider College presents a lecture on Thurgood Marshall, entitled, Thurgood Marshall. In The Cause of Human Rights. Speaker will be Dr. Harvey Korman, professor of Political Science. Lecture begins at 12 noon in the Gil Memorial Chapel.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**EAST ORANGE**—Northern NJ Eye Institute offers free cataract surgery for people who have no insurance and are unable to pay for cataract surgery.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

**PLAINFIELD**—Jazz vocalist Jeanne Bryson will perform in concert at the Plainfield Public Library at 7 p.m. The library is located on 8th St. at Park Ave. For more info call 908-757-1111.

FRIDAY FEBRUARY 18

**LINCROFT**—Gospel Extravaganza with choirs from Rutgers, Rowan, and Lincoln College. 7p.m. at Brookdale Community College. \$5 general public, \$5 students, seniors, children. For more info call (908) 224-2758.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 19

**NEWARK**—UMDNJ Annual Fashion Show. To be held in the UMDNJ-Community Health Center gymnasium. 7p.m. Tickets \$7, available at door. For more info call 901-882-5431.

Sunday February 25-27 starts at 10 a.m.

## Running for a good cause

which says, "Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good."

After completing the run, Saddler

has to collect donations which he says is more than \$500 and he expects more to come in.



Kuame Saddler braving the fierce weather to collect money for children affected by AIDS.

## Newark Emergency Services awarded \$997,380

**NEWARK**—Tenth district congressman Donald Payne recently announced that the Newark Emergency services for Families has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$997,380 by the department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. (NESF) joined in partnership with the Salvation Army of Greater Newark to form an innovative program for addressing gaps in services for the homeless population. It is estimated that the partnership will serve 25,000 clients. The Newark Emergency Services for Families, Inc. is a non-profit organization that provides a variety of services to the homeless, including food, clothing, and shelter.

NESF will expand its present outreach effort by purchasing a van, hiring outreach workers, and conducting outreach activities from 12 to 8 p.m., when other organizations are closed. Outreach sites will include Penn Station, International Airport, abandoned buildings, and other areas frequented by the homeless.

In addition, NESF will expand its Central Intake and 24 hour toll-free hotline activities into a centralized intake system. New services to be added to the hotline function include case management and health, social, educational, and employment-directed services.

NESF will also renovate its facility and open a Drop-in center for the homeless and others in need to fill gaps that presently exist in the Essex County Continuum of Care. The organization will provide specialized services, meals, blankets and clothing after similar agencies providing these services have closed for the day. Congressman Payne, a former member of the NESF board stated, "This funding will be crucial in meeting the urgent needs of the homeless in Essex county. With the range of services from housing and shelter to education job counseling, we will enable the homeless to begin making the transition to more fulfilling and dignified lives."

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## BILLBOARD

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**NEWARK**—Newark Public Library will host a presentation of *The Works of Lofen Mitchell*. Contact: Warren Kilewer, 201-863-6438.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**LINDEN**—The Multi-Cultural Arts Association of Plainfield hosting a All Male Extravaganza at the Polish National Home, 300 Roselle Street. For tickets call Rigo Sala at 908-757-8686.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**EAST ORANGE**—East Orange Public Library presents its 93-94 Cultural Series 2-4 p.m. Carrie Smith-Jazz Song Stylist, 211 South Arlington Avenue.

FEBRUARY 22 &amp; 23

**HOBOKEN**—Projected Images presents the showing of *Dazed and Confused*. For further information call 201-217-4077.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24

**MONTCLAIR**—Montclair Art Museum presents a showing of *Household Saints*, a mystical fable based the novel by Francine Prose. For further information call 201-746-9118.

**NYC**—The all-star Lincoln Center Jazz Orchestra makes an eagerly awaited hometown stop at the Atlantic City Hall at 8 p.m. The "Real" program marks one of the final tour dates and the only New York City performance on the tour. Tickets are \$35 and can be purchased through CenterCharge at 212-721-6500.

FEBRUARY 25-27

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra in a "symphonic cabaret" program featuring such classics tunes as "Night And Day" by Cole Porter. Tickets can be obtained by calling the NJSO ticket office at 1-800-ALLEGRO or 201-524-8203.

FEBRUARY 25

**WOODBURGE**—Women in Jazz Series Kicks off at Barron Arts Center presenting Lenore Raphaela featuring the performance of a special composition entitled "No Holes Barred." Reservations are required, call 908-634-0413.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26

**NEWARK**—Newark Community School of the Arts presents a Gala jazz night starting at 8 p.m. for more information call 642-0133.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**NEWARK**—The Newark Museum presents a Black History Month Concert, 3 p.m. in the Billy Johnson Auditorium. For more info, call 201-596-6550.

**NEWARK**—The New Jersey Symphony Orchestra presents Winter Pops Series: Hollywood to Broadway! Bobby Short Trio, 3 p.m. in the Newark Symphony Hall. For more info, call 1-800-ALLEGRO.

MARCH 4-6

**ATLANTIC CITY**—Liza Minnelli will perform in concert at the Grand Friday, at 1 p.m., Saturday at 10 p.m. and Sunday at 7 p.m. For tickets, call Ticketmaster at 1-800-736-1420.

SUNDAY, MARCH 6

**EAST ORANGE**—East Orange Public Library presents its 93-94 Cultural Series 2-4 p.m. Fred Williams- Art Exhibition and reception, 211 South Arlington Avenue.

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

**EAST ORANGE**—East Orange Public Library presents its 93-94 Cultural Series 2-4 p.m. Praise- Gospel Ensemble, 211 South Arlington Avenue.

SATURDAY, APRIL 9

**MADISON**—The Louis Gordon Jazz Trio appears at FDU's "Cafe Musique" at 8 p.m. followed by live dance music. For reservations and more info, call 201-593-8620.

TUESDAY, APRIL 12

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—Single Mingle Night at Crossroads Theatre Company. Home will make you laugh and cry all the way home. For more info, call 908-249-5581.

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## Carrie Smith to perform at EO public library

**EAST ORANGE**—On Sunday afternoon, February 20, The East Orange Public Library is hosting a concert with East Orange's first lady of jazz, Carrie Smith and her sextet.

Smith's musical experience began in churches in Newark. As a child she sang in the youth choir and later the Gospel choir. Her influences were gospel, jazz and blues artists such as Billie Holiday, Ella Fitzgerald, Peggy Lee, Dinah Washington, Victoria Spivey,

Sister Rosetta Tharpe, Bessie Smith and Mahalia Jackson.

She has performed with jazz greats like Dizzy Gillespie, Cab Calloway, Benny Goodman, B.B. King and others. She was named "First Lady of Jazz" by the Mayor of East Orange, after her musical welcome to Terry McMillan. Smith will perform in the East Orange room of the library from 2 - 4 p.m. For further information call 201-266-5608.



## Blank Check

**LOS ANGELES, CA**—When 11-year-old Preston Waters (Brian Bonnell) rusty old 3-speed bicycle is accidentally run over by a shiny new Jaguar driven by a crook named Gulgley (Miguel Ferrer), his prized possession is instantly reduced to a useless heap of twisted metal. However, the settlement for damages is about to take Preston on the most fun-filled ride of his life as Gulgley, a criminal involved in a money laundering scheme, quickly dashes off a check to pay for the bike, but in his haste neglects to fill in the amount. This fool and his money are soon pilled when Preston sees the outright and boldy fills in the amount: \$1 million.

Now, Preston embarks on the wildest spending spree ever, buying everything he ever dreamed of owning and living the high life that that people only imagine. With a sack full of cash, he hires a personal chauffeur (Rick Ducommun), buys a great house and throws himself an enormous 12th birthday bash. But the party's over when the FBI, Gulgley and his thugs descend as unwitting guests, and Preston discovers the hardest thing about having a million dollars, is trying to hold on to it. *Blank Check* also stars Karen Duffy, Tone Loc and Michael Lerner.

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## Parenting Works

**NEW YORK**—Recognizing that parental involvement and interactions are vital to a strong family, and a strong family unit is essential in society, Thirteen/WNET has released *Parenting Works* the first public television show specifically for parents. The program is a half-hour televised discussion where parents from a variety of ethnic, economic and cultural backgrounds and diverse family structures share their experiences and learn from one another. Each half-hour show will be devoted to a topic or series of topics, some as universal as toilet training, getting children to go to bed, and dealing with tantrums. Other programs will address the challenges of single parenting, economic instability, and drug abuse. Following each program, a toll free number will be available for parents to call and receive referrals to local support services and organizations.

The program was developed by a unique team of community and television professionals. According to Patricia Libbey, executive producer of the program, "parents need an information exchange in order to remove the isolation that many feel."

Together, groups of parents sharing their difficulties and solutions can relieve their feelings of isolation and feel more confidence in their parenting skills. The program uses "parent" as an inclusive term, recognizing that every adult responsible for raising a child whether they are a grandfather, an aunt, a foster or a friend is a "parent."

*Parenting Works* will be aired throughout February. Please note the following times: Sunday, February 20 at 3 p.m.; Monday, February 21 at 6 p.m.; Wednesday, February 23 at 6:30 a.m.; and Thursday, February 24 at 12:30 p.m.

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## THE SCOOP

Last we ran part one of a two part interview with Lola Falana

by Janice Malone

Part two

**The Scoop:** Richard Pryor has MS. Do you talk to him often?

**Lola:** Yes, we're close friends. I have prayed for him often. But Richard has been trying to pray for himself. He cannot serve two masters. He still has one foot here and one foot there.

**The Scoop:** Have you re-married or do you want to?

**Lola:** No, and I don't intend to re-marry. I'm celibate. And I've been celibate for 15 years. I just don't see that in my future.

**The Scoop:** When people hear you acknowledge your celibacy, what's their reaction?

**Lola:** I've spoken at Howard University during their AIDS Awareness Day for high schoolers. At first the adults thought kids wouldn't sit still long enough to listen to this kind of conversation. But I prayed hard before I began to speak. And when I finished, these kids stood up and applauded. It wasn't because of me, it was because the words I spoke were from truth and love. I wasn't telling them my opinion; that used to be my life. I've been there and it's not about partying, boogie, videos showing girls grinding on the floor etc. Our kids need to know that today they may look like a prince and princess because they're young. But at the pace most of these kids are going, they'll look and feel like a dog at an early age. So go slowly and as for sex, stop it now!

**The Scoop:** So, what's next for you?

**Lola:** So far, I've got some speaking dates planned. I'm also meeting with some people to discuss a book project. It will be autobiographical but not focusing so heavily on just the show biz part of my life. From this point on, everything that I do will be directed at trying to help people turn their lives in the right direction.

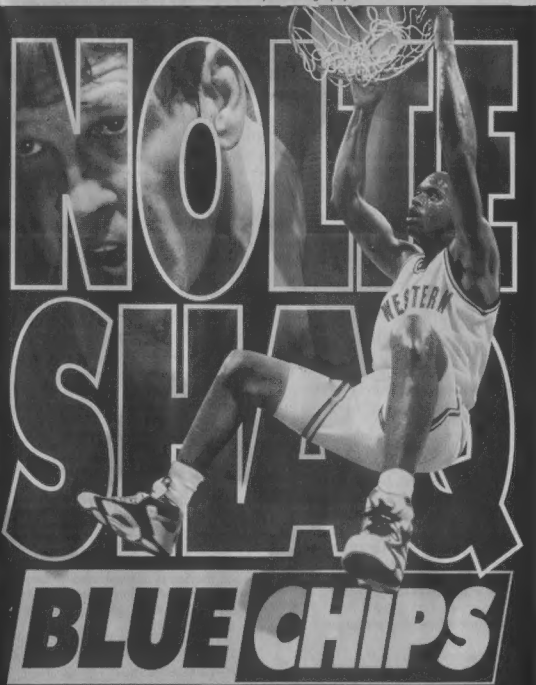
## Fragments of the Ark

**SUMMIT**—Friends of Louise Meriwether will be hosting a reception in honor of her new novel *Fragments of the Ark*, published by Pocket Books, on Sunday February 20 from 3 - 5 p.m.. The reception will be held at the Fountain Baptist Church located at 116 Glenside Avenue.

Interested individuals should R.S.V.P. to Sarah Smith Duckworth, at 908-464-4856, or Lonzella Brice at 908-464-8463.

## Travelin' on my mind

**NEWARK**—*Travelin' on my Mind: The Great Migration of Twentieth-Century Blacks* will be the subject of the 15th annual Marion Thompson Wright Lecture to be held on Saturday, February 19 in the Robeson Campus Center at Rutgers-Newark. The full day conference will feature several talks, along with oral-history interviews of black migrants. Marion Thompson Wright is a native of East Orange, which was the first black female professional historian and a pioneer in black New Jersey historiography.



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# CITY BUSINESS

## Business Calendar

MONDAYS THRU FEBRUARY 28

**PARAMOUNT**—New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) presents its winter seminar EXCEL, entrepreneurial training program. Are You an Entrepreneur? and Start Right! Build Right! From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for further information call 908-707-0173.

TUESDAYS THRU MARCH 22

**MONTECLAIR**—New Jersey Association of Women Business Owners (NJAWBO) presents its winter seminar EXCEL, entrepreneurial training program. Are You an Entrepreneur? and Start Right! Build Right! From 9 a.m. to 12 noon, for further information call 908-707-0173.

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**NEW BRUNSWICK**—The New Jersey State Bar Foundation will sponsor a free seminar for the public on State and Federal Income Tax, from 7-9 p.m. at the NJ Law Center, for further information call 1-800-FREE-LAW.

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## State Mandate state pay

(Continued from page 4)

I have not forgotten the conundrum State mandates create for local governments. For that reason, I am not opposed to the concept of State mandate/state pay. I am, however, reluctant to support a solution to a problem caused by interference by the State at the local level which is, in itself, a further breach of that division.

It seems to me that the real solution to the financial burden imposed upon local government and property taxpayers by State mandates is to ensure that the State-aid provided to local governments is sufficient to alleviate the hardship to homeowners and taxpayers.

Democrats in the Legislature initiated a concerted effort to provide property tax relief in 1990 with the State assumption of local welfare and social service costs. It continued with the revision and expansion of the Homestead Rebate Program and with increased State aid for education. The 1991 "Lynch-Dalton" bill provided \$360 million in property tax relief, 9 percent of income tax revenue collected that year. The bill also imposed caps on school spending which have proven to work extremely well in keeping property taxes under control.

The fact is that, as a direct result of these programs, property taxes stabilized in 1991 and 1992. For the first time in a decade. If the Republican majorities had continued to provide relief at the level of nine percent, which was the obvious intent of the legislation, 73 million additional dollars would have been available in FY 94 for that purpose.

In order to guarantee property

tax relief, it is incumbent upon the Legislative leadership to exercise discipline in retaining spending caps and in dedicating a set percentage of State income tax revenue to local government. In addition, Senate President DiFrancesco should, as I did when the responsibility was mine, refuse to pass any bill which carries a price tag but no funding. In effect, municipalities can be protected from unfunded mandates without the need for legislation or constitutional amendment. These initiatives offer a relatively uncomplicated, unintrusive method of addressing the State mandate/state pay problem and of achieving property tax relief.

And property tax relief is the issue. The onerous effect of mandates, unaccompanied by funding, is that local government, in the absence of increased state aid, has no other principal source of revenue to top off than the property tax. New Jersey, historically, has been overly dependent upon the property tax. If Governor Whitman pushes forward with his plan to reduce the income tax by thirty percent over three years, that reliance on property tax revenue will only increase as the funds available for state aid to local governments shrink.

New Jersey's Governor and Legislature would serve the public well by shifting their focus away from initiatives to reduce the personal income tax toward efforts to reform available in FY 94 for that purpose. New Jersey's oppressive property tax system, pay."

## Tax shelters: What's left after the tax act?



by Anna D. Banks

Even after the 1993 Tax Act, there are still a number of ways to effectively shelter your income from taxes—or at least to defer your tax liabilities. Here are some ideas that still work.

**Buy a home:** In most cases, you can fully deduct the mortgage interest on your principal residence and on a second home. In many areas, home payments will be significantly more than the cost of renting. The difference is that your rent payments are non-deductible.

**Invest for long-term gain:** Long-term capital gains are taxed at a maximum rate of 28 percent—versus up to 39.5 percent on ordinary income.

**Max out your retirement plan**

**contributions:** If your employer has a 401(k) plan, contribute the maximum deductible amount. Your employer may match at least part of that and your earnings accumulate tax free until retirement. If you're self-employed, see about setting up a Keogh or SEP plan.

**Employ your children:** Children under 18 employed in a parent's sole proprietorship or family partnership are not subject to social security on their wages—and neither is their parent/employer. (This exemption does not apply to corporations owned by the parent.) In many cases, employing children during school vacations is possible. The combined self-employment and income tax savings could be as much as 36.3 percent if the parent has a 36 percent marginal tax rate and the child's rate is 15 percent. (Remember \$3,600 of the child's income can be sheltered with his or her standard deduction, and another \$2,000

with an IRA deduction.)

**Note:** The information in this article is general in nature and should not be acted upon without first checking with your accountant for its applicability to your situation.

## Facts about ChargeGuard

by Charles J. Givens

The latest in the insurance saga is of credit life and disability insurance on MasterCard, VISA and other revolving credit accounts. The concept is your credit card balance will be paid off, or your payments will be made, in the event of death or disability. Here is an example of the ChargeGuard portion of a credit application: ChargeGuard Payment Assurance for your credit card account unemployment and disability benefits will pay your Visa or MasterCard minimum monthly payment due if you're employed full-time in a non-seasonal occupation and you lose your job involuntarily; or if you're disabled because of an accident or illness and are unable to work. Benefits are paid retroactive to the first day of unemployment or disability, following a waiting period of 30 consecutive days. Benefits continue until you reach a maximum of \$5,000 of your return to work. Retirement is not covered.

Life Benefits will pay your outstanding balance up to \$5,000, if you or your spouse (or other co-signer) die as a result of an illness or accident or if you're disabled in an accident. Suicide for the first year from the effective date is the only exclusion. The premium of \$.66 per \$100 of your average daily balance will be charged to your credit card account. If you are disabled, payment is made only from the 31st day. The insurance does not pay off your entire balance—only minimum payments are made. If your minimum monthly payment is \$40, and you're off work 90 days, the insurance would pay only \$80. The cost is \$.66 per \$100 of average daily balance. If you are disabled, the insurance will pay \$5,000 of your return to work. Retirement is not covered. Your chances of collecting are unenviably small, or the bank wins, the insurance company wins and you lose. If you have a ChargeGuard, send a letter to your credit card companies and cancel it.

**It's not too late to file past returns**

**ROSELAND**—Taxpayers who failed to file returns in previous years can obtain the forms for those returns under a program called "Free Forms for Nonfilers," which enables individuals to request state and/or federal tax forms for the years in which you have not filed. "Many people are afraid to admit that they haven't paid their taxes," said Thomas J. Carey, CPA, "Our organization is assisting them by providing forms and instructions before they approach the IRS or the State of New Jersey." Penalties non filers may have to pay include:

- The tax due (payment plans may be arranged with the IRS)
- A late filing penalty of 5% per month on the tax due, unless reasonable cause can be established.
- A late payment penalty of 0.5% on the tax due, unless reasonable cause can be established.
- Interest on the tax due

However, if you don't file and the IRS or the State requests an audit, you could be subject to more severe penalties and imprisonment. The NISCPA offers a simple way to address your situation by providing the documents you need. They will send you, at no cost, any forms, schedules, instructions for the year in which you have not filed.

To obtain forms and instructions, write to Free Forms, c/o New Jersey Society of CPAs, 425 Eagle Rock Avenue, Roseland, NJ 07068-1723. Specify the forms you need (i.e., NJ 1040, Federal 1040 or 1040A), the years for which you need them and any schedules (if you know). Allow 2-3 weeks for delivery. All requests will be destroyed immediately after being filed.

### Nordstrom Minority Business Development Program

Let's Build Something Spectacular  
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A One on One  
opportunity to meet with both  
Nordstrom and  
Herbert Construction Company  
Project Managers.

Project Preview for minority and women  
construction vendors and subcontractors.

Wednesday, March 2, 1994

9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m.

(No appointment necessary)

World Trade Institute  
One World Trade Center  
55th Floor - Rm 11, New York, NY 10048

Plans are underway for the upcoming construction of our Short Hills Store. We are seeking:

- Minority and women subcontractors in construction trades for interior and exterior portion of the project

- Contractors or vendors that provide construction supplies or materials. Our informational preview will offer you the opportunity to learn about the project and the procedures Nordstrom uses to select vendors for the bidding process.

For more information, please call:

Dell Jackson  
Dell Jackson & Associates, Inc.  
(206) 747-7357  
(206) 744-2454 fax

To be considered, your company must meet the following criteria:

- Be licensed and bondable.
- Demonstrate private sector experience.

- Nordstrom Construction policy prohibits joint ventures or construction managers.

You are strongly encouraged to attend the preview to be considered for the project and should bring any additional information about your business that might be helpful.

Andy Frank  
Herbert Construction Company, Inc.  
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RADON MEASUREMENT

OPERATORS TRAINING COURSE

MARCH 14-18, 1994

Eastern Regional Radon Training Center

Livingston Campus

New Brunswick, New Jersey

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) sponsored workshop is designed for individuals new to radon measurement and will be divided into two (2) days of classroom theory and two (2) days of hands on experience. The U.S. EPA's Radon Measurement Proficiency Examination will be held on the morning of March 18, 1994. All who pass the exam will be listed on special EPA list of "professional radon measurement operators" which will be distributed to all states.

**INTENSIVE 5-DAY PROGRAM FEATURES:** Radon Basics and Health Effects • Interpretation of Results and Quality Assurance • Ethics and Professionalism • Radon Measurement: Theory, Procedures, & Protocols • Worker Health and Safety • How to Market Your Radon Measurement Business • Radon Measurement Proficiency Exam on fifth and final day.

**WHO SHOULD ATTEND?** Contractors who are interested in expanding their current capability to include radon mitigation should take this course. Contractors will find that having an expertise in radon measurement will serve them well during the traditional "down time" in the winter when the market for radon measurement operators is highest.

**REGISTER:** Complete and return the form to NAMC with \$100.00 refundable payment. Checks should be made payable to the National Association of Minority Contractors. Registration fee will be refunded with successful workshop completion. If a last minute emergency prevents you from attending, NAMC will allow you to substitute your enrollment to anyone you designate. However we will not allow you to attend another course, in lieu of your cancellation, and receive a refund. Send to: Ellen Anderson, NAMC, 1833 3rd St. NW, Suite 500, Washington, DC 20004, 202-347-8259; Fax 202-328-1875.

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## Sophomore sensation Shaheen Holloway taking St. Patrick's to prime time

A black and white photograph of a basketball player in action. He is wearing a dark jersey with the word 'BIG RED' and the number '10' visible. He is looking upwards and to his left, possibly tracking a ball. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting an indoor arena.

## Nationally recognized educators participate in Plainfield institute

# Generations Together

**The Lampley family  
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Helping with homework is a Lampley family tradition.

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PSE&G is dealing with a changed world, too, and is working to find better ways to serve our family of communities.

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